

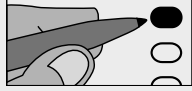


Sample Ballot
Annual Town Election
March 10, 2026
 Alton, NH

Instructions

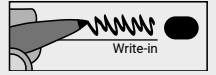
To Vote:

To vote, completely fill in the oval next to your choice.



To Vote for a Write-in:

To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, write the person's name on the "Write-in" line and completely fill in the oval next to the line.



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Vote for up to 2; Two will be elected
 Three (3) Years

JACK SLEEPER

NICHOLAS A BUONOPANE III

BROCK MITCHELL

RICHARD A SHEA

Write-in

Write-in

TOWN MODERATOR

Vote for not more than 1
 Two (2) Years

GENE YOUNG

Write-in

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

Vote for not more than 1
 Three (3) Years

RUTH ARSENAULT

Write-in

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Vote for up to 2; Two will be elected
 Three (3) Years

BETTY JANE MEULENBROEK

GABRIELLE O'TOOLE

Write-in

Write-in

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Vote for not more than 1
 Three (3) Years

THOMAS DIVENY

Write-in

PLANNING BOARD

Vote for up to 2; Two will be elected
 Three (3) Years

ROGER SAMPLE

Write-in

Write-in

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST

Vote for not more than 1
 Six (6) Years

Write-in

ZONING BOARD

Vote for up to 2; Two will be elected
 Three (3) Years

PAUL LAROCHELLE

JOE MANKUS

Write-in

Write-in

Article 2: Planning Board Proposed Amendment #1

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Alton Zoning Ordinance as follows: to amend SECTION 327 SETBACKS by referencing the Special Exception criteria listed in the Residential Commercial (RC) Zone for when buildings and structures are encroaching a setback?

Yes

No

Article 3: Planning Board Proposed Amendment #2

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Alton Zoning Ordinance as follows: to amend ARTICLE 200 DEFINITIONS by adding a new definition for "Abutter"; and to amend the existing definition for "Building Envelope"?

Yes

No

Article 4: Planning Board Proposed Amendment #3

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Alton Zoning Ordinance as follows: to amend ARTICLE 200 DEFINITIONS, SECTION 319 ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT STANDARDS, SECTION 401 TABLE OF USES, SECTION 413 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS, and SECTION 520 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS, in order to comply with newly revised State laws and to provide a size limit on detached structures?

Yes

No

Article 5: Planning Board Proposed Amendment #4

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Alton Zoning Ordinance as follows: to amend SECTION 401 TABLE OF USES to allow all home-based childcare uses wherever residential uses are allowed and to clarify the center-based uses?

Yes

No



Article 6: Planning Board Proposed Amendment #5

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Alton Zoning Ordinance as follows: to amend ARTICLE 300 SECTION 320 NON-CONFORMING USES, STRUCTURES, AND LOTS, to clarify and simplify the replacement of nonconforming structures?

Yes

No

Article 7: Planning Board Proposed Amendment #6

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Alton Zoning Ordinance as follows: to amend SECTION 401 D., E., and F. PERMITTED USES-TABLE OF USES by removing references that are not helpful for further information?

Yes

No

Article 8: Planning Board Proposed Amendment #7

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Alton Zoning Ordinance as follows: To amend SECTION 452 B., SECTION 463 B., SECTION 412 F., SECTION 433 G., SECTION 443 D., SECTION 452 D., and SECTION 463 E., to further clarify the intention of the ordinances?

Yes

No

Article 9: Benefit Pay Capital Reserve Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 to be added to the Benefit Pay Capital Reserve Trust Fund, previously established in 2000. Said funds are recommended by the Town Auditors to be used to pay for benefits accrued by Town employees and redeemed when they leave employment with the Town of Alton, in accordance with the Town Personnel Policy. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (4-1-0). (Majority vote required.) (The estimated tax impact is \$0.01)

Yes

No

Article 10: Town Operating Budget

Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$10,791,640.00. Should this article be defeated, the Default Budget shall be \$9,795,561.00, which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised Operating Budget only. This article does not include special or individual articles voted separately. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (4-0-1). (Majority vote required) (The estimated tax impact is \$4.78)

Yes

No

Article 11: Water Works Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600,916.00 for the operation and maintenance of the Water Distribution system for the ensuing year, said sum is to be fully offset by users' fees. Should this article be defeated, the Default Budget shall be \$590,653.00, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law. This article does not affect the tax rate and is funded by the end users. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (5-0-0). (Majority vote required) (The estimated tax impact is \$0)

Yes

No

Article 12: Capital Reserve Fund Appropriations

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 179,500.00 to be added to the following capital reserve funds previously established:

- Rock and Asphalt Crushing CRF **\$12,000.00**
- Sidewalk CRF **\$15,000.00**
- Senior Center Building CRF **\$20,000.00**
- Town Owned Parking Parking Area **\$20,000.00**
- Environmental CRF **\$20,000.00**
- Transfer Station Building & Site Improvements CRF **\$20,000.00**
- Jones Field CRF **\$12,500.00**
- Milfoil Treatment Program CRF **\$15,000.00**
- Alton Bay Community Center CRF **\$20,000.00**
- Water Bandstand CRF **\$5,000.00**
- Landfill Closure CRF **\$20,000.00**

Said funds to be raised through taxation. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (3-1-1). (Majority vote required). (The estimated tax impact is \$0.08)

Yes

No

Article 13: Fire Stations Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000.00 to be added to the Fire Stations Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2005. This fund is utilized in conjunction with the capital improvement plan for the replacement of Fire Department buildings. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-1-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (4-1-0). (Majority vote required) (The estimated tax impact is \$0.13)

Yes

No

Article 14: Highway Building Improvements/Repairs Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to be added to the Highway Building Improvements/Repairs Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established in 2014. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) Not recommended by the Budget Committee (2-3-0). (Majority vote required.) (The estimated tax impact is \$0.01.)

Yes

No

Article 15: Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 to be added to the Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established in 1995. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (4-1-0). (Majority vote required.) (The estimated tax impact is \$0.04)

Yes

No

Article 16: Retaining Wall Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000.00 to be added to the Retaining Wall Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established in 2018. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (6-0-0). (Majority vote required.) (The estimated tax impact is \$0.03)

Yes

No

Article 17: Grounds & Maintenance Vehicle and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 to be added to the Grounds & Maintenance Vehicle and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established in 2019. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0) Recommended by the Budget Committee (4-1-0). (Majority vote required.) (The estimated tax impact is \$0.01)

Yes

No

Article 18: Town Hall Building Improvement Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 to be added to Town Hall Building Improvement Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established in 2011. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (5-0-0). (Majority vote required.) (The estimated tax impact is \$0.01)

Yes

No

Article 19: New Riverside Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 to be added to the New Riverside Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund, previously established in 2023. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (3-2-0). (Majority vote required) (The estimated tax impact is \$0.02)

Yes

No

Article 20: Highway Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,450,000.00 to be added to the Highway Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established in 1998. Said amount is partially offset by revenues from the Highway Block Grant Fund estimated to be \$211,773.00. This is an annual appropriation that provides for the Maintenance of existing roadways. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (5-0-0). (Majority vote required.) (The estimated tax impact is \$0.64.)

Yes

No

Article 21: IT Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to be added to the IT Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established in 2020. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Not recommended by the Budget Committee (0-5-0). (Majority vote required) (The estimated tax impact is \$0.01)

Yes

No

Article 22: Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000.00 to be added to the Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, previously established in 2025. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (5-0-0). (Majority vote required) (The estimated tax impact is \$0.02)

Yes

No

Article 23: Police Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Police Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing, equipping, repairing, and replacing police vehicles; and to raise and appropriate \$40,000.00 to be placed in this fund; and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as Agents to expend from this reserve fund. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (5-0-0). (Majority vote required) (The estimated tax impact is \$0.02.)

Yes

No



Article 24: Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of performing a statistical update revaluation of the Town every five years pursuant to RSA 75:8-a. and to raise and appropriate \$126,000.00 to be placed in this fund; and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as Agents to expend from this reserve fund. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (5-0-0). (Majority vote required) (The estimated tax impact is \$0.06.)

Yes

No

Article 25: Fire Department Occupational Health Screenings Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Fire Department Occupational Health Screenings Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of providing fire department personnel with comprehensive job related medical examinations and early detection health screenings and to raise and appropriate \$10,000.00 to be placed in this fund; and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as Agents to expend from this reserve fund. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (5-0-0). (Majority vote required) (The estimated tax impact is \$0.00.)

Yes

No

Article 26: Nonprofits

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,625.00 for the purpose of supporting the following nonprofits and their individual appropriations:

- Alton Community Services **\$18,000.00**
- American Red Cross **\$2,000.00**
- Caregivers of Southern Carroll County & Vicinity, Inc. **\$2,000.00**
- Granite VNA & Hospice **\$12,000.00**
- Community Action Program (CAP) **\$3,300.00** ****(10k requested reduced for rent owed) ***
- Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) **\$500.00**
- Lakes Region Mental Health Center fka Genesis **\$15,750.00**
- Life Ministries, Inc. **\$3,000.00**
- New Beginnings **\$1,575.00**
- Waypoint fka Child and Family Services **\$2,500.00**

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-1-0). Not recommended by the Budget Committee (0-5-0). (Majority vote required) (The estimated tax impact is \$0.03)

Yes

No

Article 27: Town Hall Metal Roof

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 to purchase and install a new metal roof on the Town Hall and prevent further water damage. Said metal roof shall be consistent with the style and era of the Town Hall. \$55,000.00 to come from the Clough-Morrill Trust and the remaining \$45,000.00 to come from the Town Hall Capital Reserve Fund. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (5-0-0). (Majority vote required) (The estimated tax impact is \$0.00)

Yes

No

Article 28:

New Hampshire communities value strong public schools and responsible use of public funds for education. Therefore, the voters of Alton, New Hampshire, are asked: Shall we call on our legislators to protect taxpayers by requiring the Education Freedom Account program to provide fiscal and educational performance reports comparable to those required of public schools, and by limiting eligibility to families with demonstrated financial need? This is a petition article.

Yes

No

Article 29:

New Hampshire thrives when state funding fairly supports local communities. Therefore, the residents of Alton are asked: Do we call on the New Hampshire Legislature to protect local taxpayers by ensuring adequate state revenues for essential services, and by avoiding policies that shift costs onto local property taxpayer? This is a petition article.

Yes

No

Article 30: Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of NH RSA Chapter 79-E "Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive". The Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive (RSA 79-E) is a New Hampshire state law that encourages investment in downtowns and village centers and allow cities and towns to offer temporary property tax relief to owners who undertake substantial rehabilitation of buildings in designated areas, primarily downtowns, town centers, or village centers. The goal is to encourage investment in these areas, revitalize underutilized buildings, and promote economic vitality. This is a petition article.

Yes

No

Article 31: Reports of Committees

To hear reports of any committees, boards, trustees, commissions, officials, agents or concerns of voters; and vote to accept the same. Furthermore, to conduct any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Yes

No